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## **DX news**

### **EA5RM S.K.**

Word reaches us that very sadly, Tony **EA5RM** has become Silent Key. A well-known and respected Team Leader of **numerous DXpeditions**, as well as a CQDX Hall of Famer, and humanitarian worker, he has been taken way too soon. RIP.



### **AU2S Sagar Island AS-153 –update December 10 1500z**

*'This morning we went to check various other possible places to stay in. After visiting four such guesthouses, we concluded that the one we picked up last night was actually the best all around, and it was highly unlikely that the noise level coming from the power lines, transformers, and LED lights would be significantly lower than what witnessed last night. As such, we decided to stay put. Then, we decided to operate on 10m CW and 15 m FT8. After dark, both bands kept running nicely for a while, and we stayed with them. Since operating 20 CW was virtually impossible under the consideration noise level, we chose to run FT8 on 20m for a little while, to offer a few more NA stations a chance at logging us on AS-153. Tomorrow (Dec 11) we plan to operate SSB on 10 and maybe 15m too. Operating either CW or SSB won't be possible after dark, once the noise level will increase considerably.'*

### **S21DX Dal Char Island AS-140 –update December 12 0600z**

First antennas being installed on Dal Char island, AS-140. More to follow. Team will start activities at 0000z on December 13th.



### **TX7N Marquesas Islands 2025 –update December 11**

'After 90 days and an incredible journey of nearly 20,000 km, our equipment has finally arrived at Tania's Pension Kanahau in Hiva Oa, nestled in the beautiful Marquesas archipelago. Now, the next chapter begins: the first installation team, consisting of 5 skilled operators, is set to depart from Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport on January 2nd. The adventure continues, and we can't wait to see what lies ahead!'



### **VU4A Andaman Islands by Krish W4VKU –now QRT**

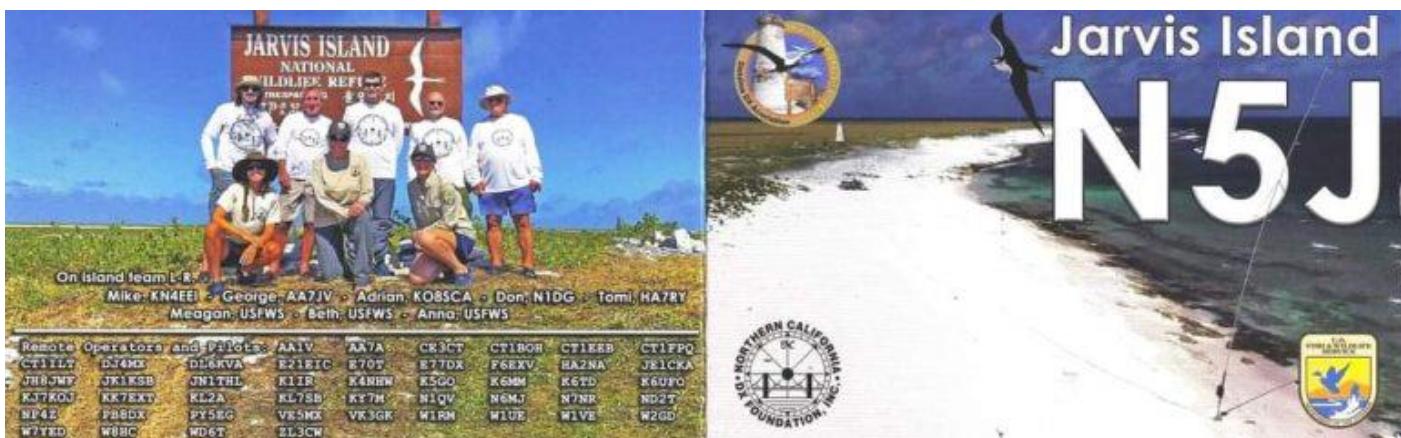
Here is an update on this self-funded, 1 man operation with over 30K QSO's in the log. Appreciate everyone that tried to get into the log or already did so. As soon as I receive LoTW certificate, I will upload the entire. No expectation for any financial compensation. I will make log corrections, once I'm back on mainland.

There was 1 goal for this trip. To hear the callers, who I could not hear from the last trip in 2023. That mission has been accomplished. I have moved almost 1 tonne of equipment to the island. The phased array for 160 has proved its value. I was able to offer 160m contacts to stations who had not had a new one for over 10 years on that band. Some made 80m contacts with 100w.

<https://www.dx-world.net/vu4a-andaman-islands/>

### N5J Jarvis Island DXpedition –update

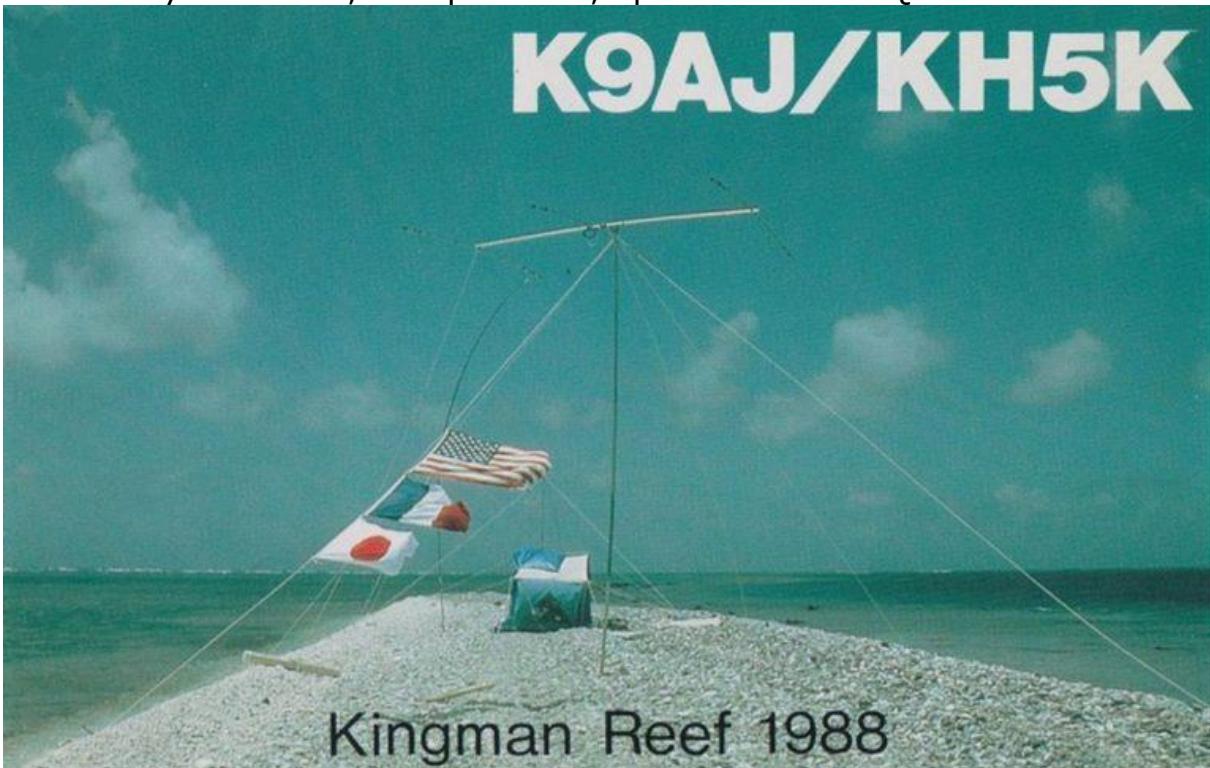
Don, N1DG reports that the Dateline DX Association is pleased to announce they have uploaded the remaining log to LoTW on 9 December 2024 meaning all contacts are now online. Cards have been delayed in Hungary but they expect them to hit the mail at year end (there were over 6,000 envelopes to process). As of today over 50% of the 107,000 QSOs are confirmed on LoTW.



## DX-World's "Land of QSLs"

If you're on Facebook you may not yet know of a DX-World page titled "**The Land of QSLs**". It seems this aspect of the ham radio hobby will never die because as of today nearly 7000 members have joined with many contributing. It really is very interesting to see people's QSL choices or selections.

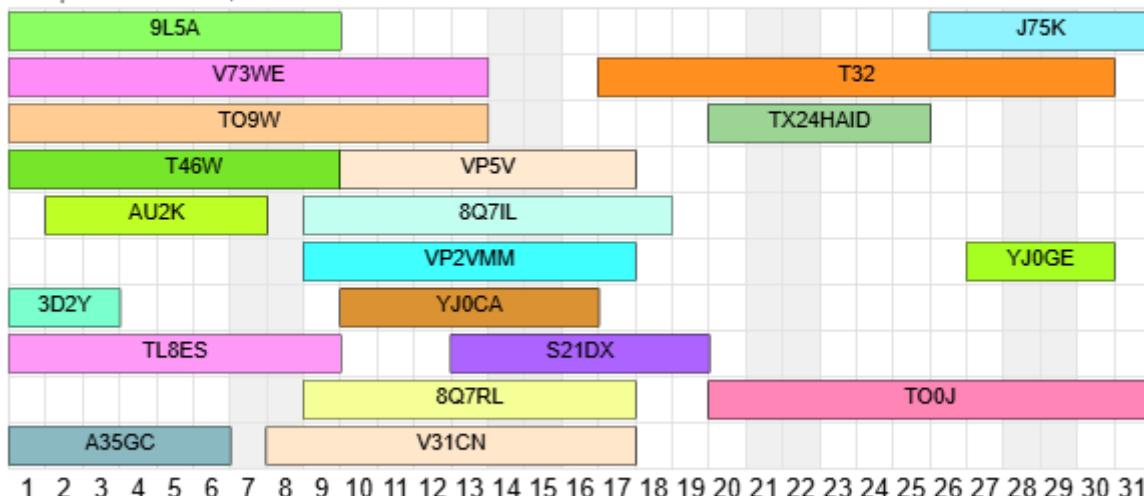
Land of QSLs is mainly run by Oliver F6EPN with a helping hand from Jose, EA5BCQ. Every day new QSLs appear from members, and you're very welcome to post cards of your choice, ask questions, upload favourite QSLs etc.



## DXCC Timeline



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## This week on air

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**FO/DL7JLL Mangareva**

**VP6JLL Pitcairn**

Hardy, DL7JLL got in touch with DX-WORLD to mention about his upcoming DXpedition to Mangareva and Pitcairn during December 18 and January 15, 2025. Details as follows:

## FO/DL7JLL – Rikitea village, Mangareva.

VP6JLL - Adamstown, Pitcairn Island.

QRV with a KX3 transceiver and small 50w amp + inverted V antenna. Bands: 10, 15, 20m – SSB only.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort during December and January. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Reiner, DL2AAZ is operating as 8Q7RL until December 17. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. OSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**8Q, MALDIVES** David, HB9ILL is active as 8Q7IL until December 18. Activity on 40, 30, 20 and 10 meter using SSB in QRP style. QSL via home call. <https://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7IL>

**CN, MOROCCO** Ralf, DB4REB is QRV as CN2REB until end January 2025. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is in Agadir and he will do some POTA sites along the coast. QSL via home call direct.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Nobu, JA0JHQ plans to be active from Tahiti as TX5NH during December 13-16. However, Nobu recently injured his back so there might be a last minute change of schedule for this trip. If he's able to QRV, look for him during the ARRL 10m contest. QSL via LoTW. H/C.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Jean-Marie, F4JCF is active as FR/call until December 15. QSL via op's instructions.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Thomas, DJ2TG is operating as FR/call until December 23. Activity on 30 meter and up using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Martin, SP9LR will be QRV as FS/call between December 13 and December 18. Operation mainly on 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Team TO9W (K9EL, K9NU, W9AP and W9MR) is operating until December 13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi with 3 stations. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via W9TIY. <https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm>

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time. He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Ed, N2HX is active as PJ7PL until December 18. Outside the contest operation in 'holiday-style' using FT8 and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until mid-January 2025. Operation from 30-10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**V3, BELIZE** Mike, VE7ACN is active as V31CN until December 17. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using mainly CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or home call.

**V4, ST KITTS** Jim, NT5V is operating in 'holiday-style' as V47V until December 18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter mostly SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

**V4, ST KITTS** Mike, KC1NGS is QRV as V47NH until December 17. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSK via home call. QSO upload to Club Log and LoTW.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV from Majuro Atoll as V73WE until December 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter due to weight restrictions on luggage. <http://v7.dxpeditions.org/>

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** A team with AG9A, KD4D, K5PI & K2KW is active until December 17 with a participation in the ARRL 10m Contest as VP2VMM. Outside of contest look for holiday-style activity as VP2V/homecalls. VP2VMM via KU9C, LoTW.

**VP5V, TURKS & CAICOS** Look for N3XF, AG3I and K1ZE as VP5/calls until December 17. During the ARRL 10 meter contest they will sign as VP5V. QSL via LoTW.

**YJ, VANUATU** Chris, VK2YUS is once again active as YJ0CA until December 16. Activity on HF using SSB only. An entry in the ARRL 10m contest is included. QSL via home call.

## Coming up soon

### Pacific travels by Gerhard OE3GEA

Gerhard – OE3GEA together with his partner Maria plans to be active from the following Pacific entities during December and January:

New Caledonia as **TX24HAID** during December 20-25, 2024.

Vanuatu as **YJ0GE** during December 27-30, 2024.

Fiji as **3D2GE** during December 31 – January 7, 2025.

Samoa as **5W0GE** during January 9-12, 2025

American Samoa as **KH8/OE3GEA** during January 12-15, 2025

Hawaii as **KH6/OE3GEA** during January 18-21, 2025.

Holiday style activities using a TS-480SAT, Outbacker antenna and wire dipole covering 30-10m; CW.

QSL via OE3GEA (bureau/direct), Club Log & LoTW.

**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Joe, OZ0J will be operating between December 20 and December 31 (call pending). Operation from 80 to 10 meter but depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. He will operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound), but mostly FT8 because FY5FY and FY5KE are very active on CW, SSB and RTTY. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Website url to be added once callsign known.

**J7, DOMINICA** Lucien FM5WD, Luca IV3JVJ and Ivan IK3ZAQ will be active as J75K from December 26 until January 4, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

# IOTA

## This week on air

### AFRICA

**AF-090 Saint Marie Isl** Eric, F6ICX is once again active as 5R8IC until end 2024. Operation on HF using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via LoTW and home call.

### ASIA

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

**AS-140 Dal Char Isl** 'We are planning to activate another IOTA in this December 13-19. Our main goal this year is to focus on hands on training and capacity building for the local HAMs to understand different types of HF antenna, Propagation and Pileup handling. We hope in coming days we will see more HF station doing DXing from S2.'

After checking all the islands in the two groups, considering Logistics, Transport and Cost we have decided to do the IOTA from the same island as before (Dhal Char, AS-140). The other nearby island is not suitable due to antenna orientation problem and also drinking water is not available in all of them, some are not inhabited.'

### **On the scene...9L5A now QRT**

**On Saturday 7th December at 17:00, 9L5A officially QRT with over 110,000 QSOs in the log. We had to stop a bit earlier than planned because the rising tide would have been problematic to dismantle the last antennas on the rocks, not to mention that at 18:30 it is already night in Sierra Leone...Now we have to clean and pack everything to fill our 30 checked bags and 15 cabin bags, whose weight is of course limited. For log corrections, please use only the email address mentioned on our website to the exclusion of any other recipients.**



## On the scene...some members of the S21DX team



**AS-153 Sagar Isl** Look for AU2S until December 13 (team: VE3LYC, VU2RS, VU3DXA and VU3WEW). QSL via Club Log, or direct via VE3LYC. <https://au2k.weebly.com>

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Hannes, OE1SGU is active as DU1OE until December 27. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using all modes. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Announced DX** **THE NEWCOMERS**

**T30, W KIRIBATI**

**T31, C KIRIBATI**

**T32, E KIRIBATI**

**T33, BANABA**

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Date unknown but 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T32TTT Kiritimati. December 2024 January 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

### **Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team**

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

**YN6RRC** – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

**H7RRC** – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

**TI1RRC** – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

**3F3RRC** – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

**H44, SOLOMON ISL** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM will once again be QRV as P4/call and P40AA between January 18-28, 2025. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using FT4/8, CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

**YS, EL SALVADOR** Dave, WJ2O will be operating as YS1/call between February 12 and February 19, 2025. Operation on HF using CW. The ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

**QSL preview**



## **THE REMINDERS**

### **6W, SENEGAL**

### **C5, THE GAMBIA**

Billy, F4GJE will be operating as C5RK and 6W1RD during January 2025.

C5RK January 4-5

6W1RD January 11-12

Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via EA7FTR.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition sometime around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. They have requested the callsign 5N9DTG. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8.

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**6Y, JAMAICA** The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during the second half of January 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

**E5, COOK ISL** Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

**E6, NIUE** Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP for 3 weeks in April 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

**FO, AUSTRAL ISL** Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ.

<https://austral2025.com/>

**On the scene...VP2V/K2KW (part of the VP2VMM team) British Virgin Isl**



**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNQ, OK2WX will be QRV as TX7N during January 2025, the team will also use TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via MOURX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

**HK0, MALPELO** Last active in 2012 (by HKONA who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

**J7, DOMINICA** Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV sometime February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Ken, JO1VRK will be operating as KH0/AJ6VJ between December 30 and January 3. Operation on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW.

**OY, FAROE ISL** The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

**T8, PALAU** Mike, JA6EGL will once again be active as T88SM between January 10-16, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, AM and FM from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via home

call, direct only.

### On the scene...AU2S AS-153 DXpedition



**T8, PALAU** Mike JA6EGL and Kazu JE6KFN will be QRV from Koror as T88SM and T88XX during January 10-16, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**TI9, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

**TY, BENIN** Following on from the TY5C activity in March this year, Gérard F5NVF will again be QRV from Godomey during January 10 to April 2, 2025. He'll be active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

#### **VK9C, COCOS KEELING**

#### **VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL**

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. *'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure.....'*

*This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.*

*This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.*

*There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'*

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info.

It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8. Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

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### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-067 Bora Bora** Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously [here](#) (and DX-World).

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-235 Camiguin Isl** Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

## **ARCTIC NEWS**

### **Wolf's Fang Runway**

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) will be active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) starting around mid-November until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

### **RI42SP Arctic travels**

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and will be active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker.

Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

*'It's good news for all ham radio interested in polar contacts. Oleg made a very good job last season with callsigns RD1A/MM, RI41POL and RI0POL making more than 205,000 contacts. The vessel departed Murmansk on September 15 with a team of scientists aboard, and is heading towards the Novosibirsk islands. This is where the drifting polar station will begin its work as part of the "North Pole-42" expedition. For many months, polar explorers will conduct research in the high latitudes of the Arctic Ocean, encompassing over fifty scientific programs.'*

### **FT4YM Antarctica**

November 19:

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. Dates of activity from each base to be confirmed nearer the time. [Website](#)

**FT4YM:** Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

**FT4YM/P:** Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9A, CROATIA** Promoting IARU Region 1's Program for Disabled Radio Amateurs, members of the Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS) will activate special callsigns **9A24PDRA**, **9A24PD** and **9A24D** starting on 3 December (the International Day of Persons with Disabilities) until the end of the year. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and QRZ Logbook. (TNX 425DX)

**A7, QATAR A71QND** is the special callsign for the Qatar Amateur Radio Society to celebrate Qatar National Day (18 December). Also taking part in the celebrations will be the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as **A91QTR** on 12-18 December, and the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as **A60QATAR** on 18-22 December (individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign), as well as possibly the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as **9K9QATAR**, the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society as **A43QAT**, the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as **HZ1QATAR**. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** The HamRadioDX.es club runs a Christmas special event until December 25 with the callsign **EG7FN**, including also short-term awards. For more information see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** Qso Party Day Contest organized by Marconi Club reach the 7th edition, always with formula of "Short Contest"; this year the Event date is placed on January 4th 2025. The aims is to make our Club know to the New Generations, and bring together all those who truly love and believe in telegraphy, and promote the MARCONI CLUB A.R.I. LOANO, founded on May the 8th 1988 by Libero Meriggi I1YXN, strongly motivated by the famous DX-peditioner Baldur DJ6SI. All the information can be read on <https://www.marconiclub.it/>

**OH, FINLAND** Celebrating the Christmas Holiday Season, the OH9A team is once again active as **OG1XMAS** on all bands and modes on 1-24 December. QSL via LoTW (preferred), Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OH1NOA. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as **OR80NUTS** on 13- 15 December to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The suffix of the special callsign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. (TNX425DX)

**S5, SLOVENIA** Special event station **S525PMC** will be active from 5 December to 5 January 2025 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 4-5 January. Complete information can be found on <https://www.s59dc.si/index.php/sl/ww-pmc/ww-pmc-contest-rules>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **HF0CLAUS** and **SPOCLAUS** will be active from 6 December to 6 January. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to Dariusz Florczyk, ul. Kozminska 35, 63-330 Dobrzyca, Poland. Other special callsigns for the festive season include 3Z0XMAS (Poland), EG7FN (Spain, 10-25 December), II2XMAS (Italy, 29 November-6 January), LY24XMAS (Lithuania, 1-31 December), OE65XMAS (Austria, 20 December-6 January), OZ4XMAS (Denmark), PD2025HNY (Netherlands, 23-31 December), TM2024MC (France), VK6SANTA (Australia, 1-24 December), YR8XMAS (Romania, 1 December-5 January). See their qrz.com's pages for more information. (TNX 425DX)

### **THE REMINDERS**

**4X, ISRAEL** In anticipation of Christmas, special event **4X7X** from the Abbey of the Dormition on 20-22 December. All QSLs via 4X6ZM. A certificate will be available:

<https://www.iarc.org/xmas2024>. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA** Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA** **9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**A9, BAHRAIN** Celebrating the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as **A91ND** on 1-16 December. QSL via EC6DX. Also taking part in the celebrations will be the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as **A60BHR** on 11-16 December (individual operators may a425dx

ppend a serial number to the special callsign), and possibly the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as **HZ1BHR**, the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as **9K9BHR**, and the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society as **A43BHR**. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DM70DXMB** is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DARC's DX Newsletter DXMB (DX-Mitteilungsblatt) between 1 November and 13 December. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney are using until end 2024 to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) end 2024. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW; QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available for download:

<https://award.dl1run.de/award/hb50vc/awardform.html> (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

**I, ITALY 4U30B** is the special callsign issued to the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club to mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Global Service Centre in Brindisi, Italy. Look for activity between 15 November and 31 December. QSL via 9A2AA. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Bologna will be active as **II4RCDN** from 1 October to 31 December. QSL via IZ4FUE. The special callsign marks the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Cross Radio Telescope, one of the largest transit radio telescopes in the world. Gianfranco Sinigaglia (I4BBE, SK), after whom the Bologna ARI Section is named, was a professor of radioastronomy and applied electronics at the Physics Institute of Bologna University, and responsible for the electronics of the Northern Cross. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/II4RCDN> for information. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Italy (6 October 1924), ARI local branches across Italy will be using special callsigns from 1 October to 29 December. The callsigns will be in the format **II#Rxyz** (e.g. II9RCAT for ARI Catania) and **IR#Rxyz** (e.g. IR1RVDB for ARI Valbormida). In addition, special event station I1MRTV will be active from the RAI Radio and Television Museum in Torino. Certificates and electronic QSLs will be available for download from the HamAward platform (direct link from each special callsign's qrz.com page). (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: **II4FCGD** (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LA, NORWAY** Look for **LA400KBG** during 2024 to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the establishment of the Kongsberg silver mines and the Kongsberg town in 1624. Operation on different bands and modes. QSL direct only via LA1TV. The silver rich area measures about 5 x 20 km, and the richest mine, called The King's Mine, was mined to a depth of 1076 meters. The mining lasted to 1958, and the total silver amount mined has been estimated to about 2000 tonnes. (TNX DXNL)

**LY, LITHUANIA LY24XMAS** will be active throughout December. LY2QT offers a commemorative coin for 10 QSOs with special event stations carrying an XMAS or HNY suffix; one QSO with LY24XMAS is obligatory and 5 Euro for covering postage: ly2qt.wal@gmail.com. QSL LY24XMAS via LY2QT. (TNX DXNL)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ311PA** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

**OM, SLOVAKIA OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

**ON, BELGIUM** Members of UBA's Groupement De Verviers will be active as **OR80USA** on 16-31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 80th anniversary of the liberation from German occupation and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, events in which the US military was heavily engaged. QSL via bureau to ON4GDV. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** The RCA (Radio Club des Ardennes: [ON4RCA](https://www.qrz.com/db/ON4RCA)) of Bastogne commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bastogne also known as the Battle of Bulge.

The activation of the **OO80BB** call sign will start on November 16 and end on December 15. Several stations surrounding Bastogne, including the club station, will operate this special call sign on all the bands from 80M to 10M and on the following modes: SSB, FT4, FT8 and some other digital modes.

**ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.

<https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsl.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA24XMAS**, **PD24ELF** and **PI24XMAS** will be active on 1-31 December, while **PD25HNY** will be QRV from 24 December until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued, but see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PI24XMAS> for the certificate. (TNX 425DX)

**PY, BRAZIL** The Bicho do Mato DX Team celebrates its 10th anniversary with the callsign **ZV2BM** throughout December. QSL via bureau, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**SM, SWEDEN** **SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** **SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatorer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

**SP, POLAND** Special callsigns **SN100P**, **SN100L**, **SN100N**, **SN100PLN** and **SN100BP** will used from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Bank Polski SA and the introduction of the zloty (PLN), Poland's official currency. The activity is organized by the Polish Amateur Radio Association. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SN100PLN> for the details. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** **SN55DIG** is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See <https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/> for information about the DIG. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC- 007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** Look for **AU2JCB** between November 15 and December 16. This to commemorate the birth date and to celebrate the Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose who is recognized as the father of wireless communication. VU2DSI will be QRV for the 17<sup>th</sup> year between 80 and 10 meter on HF and FM. QSL via VU2DSI direct.

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